

Episode 8 - Undisclosed Title



Coach-Free

In the dead of night, the **Novo** tribe returns from their first Tribal Council in which Coach was voted out. Excitedly, the castaways congratulate each other on making it to the jury. "You have no idea how happy I am that Coach got voted out of here," **Carolina** brags. "On a scale from 1 to 10, it was probably 1000, like, how happy I was. You know, and now that he's gone, I really, really think, like, I have more power in the *tribe*." As her tribemates put their torches away, Carolina whispers to Erinn that the vote was "perfect" and "could not have happened any better for us." Not everyone is as thrilled about the vote as Carolina, however. "At Tribal Council tonight, I got a vote; uh, I'm not too sure about *that*," **Jerry** admits in his confessional. "I wasn't expecting to get one for a long *time*, so...I think somebody's tryin' to stir things up," he good-naturedly laughs. Unbeknownst to the rest of her tribe, the culprit is **Sandy**: "I knew that everyone was gonna go for Coach, and it was gonna be *unanimous*," she explains, "So I wanted to put another name in there, you know, cause the original Timbira is up in numbers and if they all trust each other, *I'm* gonna be one of the next three to go." In spite of her vulnerable position, Sandy claims she won't go down without a fight: "I do think that Spencer and J.T. would go *before* me," she tells the camera, "But I'm still looking for *options*. You know, I'm ready to play the *game*. I'm gonna bring the whole *house* down..."

The Mystery Vote

As the first light of Day 22 dawns, the Novo members get right to work on the day's tasks and a relieved **Spencer** is thankful to still be in the game: "Last night, there was *definitely* a chance that I was going home, but I ended up not getting any votes, so right now, it's not, uh, looking too *bad* for Jalapao. All I needed was one original Timbira person gone, and then I'm *pretty* sure I can get Sandy, J.T., Carolina, Erinn, and myself as the Final Five." Watching from the shelter, Spencer assesses his tribe: "If we were voting right at this second, I'd *probably* like to vote off *Tyson*," Spencer confesses, "But, uh, at this point, I'll settle for anyone from Timbira."

While Spencer considers his plan to change up the game, Carolina and Erinn go for a walk and discuss their own position in the tribe. "Listening to what was said at Tribal Council, it really does sound like Tyson was planning on being loyal to me and Carolina," **Erinn** speculates. "Like, it makes sense for him to stick with us because we'd be easier to beat in the *end*, so...it's comforting to have that alliance because we don't feel like we're on the *bottom* anymore." "I almost think it might be better for us to stick with Tyson, don't you think?" Erinn asks. "Because if anybody flips and tries to take one of us out, it's gonna be *him* and not us." Carolina agrees that it's better for them to remain in an alliance with Tyson. "I would say that Tyson definitely thinks he's the leader of the *tribe*," **Carolina** tells the camera. "But you know, Coach going home last night was originally my plan, so as much as he thinks he's calling the shots, like, I think *I'm* calling the shots more than *he* is," she claims.

As the women continue to plot, Tyson approaches them and asks who they think voted for Jerry. Carolina immediately brings up J.T.'s name. "J.T. was Coach's best

friend," Tyson suggests to Carolina and Erinn. "You know, they hung out a lot and, on Jalapao, he was trying to switch it where it was Sandy before J.T., so...it makes sense, I think." Both women agree and Carolina confidently states that it couldn't have been anyone else but J.T. "Nobody knows that we have this alliance so I think the three of us and Candace are the most safe out of everybody here," Tyson says. Erinn says that she's glad for their alliance because nobody would expect it. "Carolina and Erinn make me laugh," **Tyson** admits. "It's like when you invite a couple of nerds to sit with the cool kids, they start to think they're *popular* because you're giving them your attention, but uh, I mean, they're just two more puppets in my *box*," he reveals in his confessional. "You know, these people do whatever I tell them and I can decide to cut their strings anytime I feel like it."

Later that morning, a fired-up Carolina confronts J.T. while he is fishing and accuses him of casting the mystery vote against Jerry. J.T. is genuinely surprised to be blamed for it and denies writing Jerry's name down. "It was you, and I know you're *lying*," Carolina insists. "I can just *tell* that because you were closest to Coach." "Yeah, I was closest with him, but that don't mean I voted to *keep* him," J.T. retorts. Carolina does not seem convinced. "I don't think it's a very smart idea for Carolina to accuse me of somethin' I didn't do cause now she made an *enemy*," **J.T.** states. "I'm just telling you my *opinion*," Carolina quips. "It's not your opinion. You're tellin' me like it's *fact* and it's not," J.T. replies. "If it was from me, I would have voted for *your* ass," he then remarks. "Not *Jerry*." Carolina is surprised by J.T.'s forwardness and simply says "Wow." "If she keeps actin' the way she's actin', you know, I *am* gonna write her name down at Tribal Council," J.T. tells the camera. "She don't do nothin' around camp and right now, she thinks she's *runnin'* things." Feeling justified in her accusation, **Carolina** says, "I'm not afraid to speak my mind in this game. You know, my honest viewpoint is that the vote for Jerry was from *J.T.*, and...after he told me that he wants to vote me off next, like, there's no *question*. He's gonna have to go *home*."

Carolina and J.T. continue to squabble by the river, as Candace watches them from the shelter and comments to Tyson that it looks like they're arguing. J.T. then walks away from Carolina and heads back up to camp. "What just happened with, uh, *Carolina*?" Spencer asks J.T. "Carolina just point-blank accused me of votin' for Jerry," J.T. tells Spencer. "I mean, I'm *pissed*," he vents. "I think Carolina and Erinn are with us," Tyson whispers to a watchful Candace. "Carolina wants to vote off *J.T.*, so..." Hearing this makes **Candace** feel secure in her position: "The only fear with Coach going home was that Spencer, Sandy, J.T., Carolina, and Erinn were gonna get together, you know, and switch it *up*, but...seeing the way Carolina and J.T. just *argued*, I mean, there's no *way*," she tells the camera. A frustrated J.T. comments to Spencer that he wants to vote Carolina out next. "Carolina is definitely, uh, I don't know if it's her time of the month, but the girl's *power-tripping* and it's starting to get really annoying," **Spencer** tells the camera. "You know, I guess it's kinda *disappointing* because I need J.T. and Carolina both if we're gonna take out Timbira. Hopefully it's not something that would prevent them from seeing the bigger picture," Spencer rationalizes. Meanwhile, J.T. repeats that he is not responsible for the vote against Jerry. "It wasn't *Sandy*," Spencer says aloud, as he mentally thinks of the possible suspects. "*No*, it was not me," Sandy insists. "So it has to be an old Timbira member," Spencer concludes. "That's what *I'm* thinkin'," J.T. agrees. "I wouldn't be at *all* surprised if it was Carolina herself and now she's tryin' to blame it on someone *else*."

The Novo members continue to discuss the random vote against Jerry, while Sandy pours rice out into the pot and furtively listens in. "With this vote, uh, at Tribal Council, they're not too sure who to *believe* anymore and that was definitely my intent," **Sandy** tells the camera. Erinn brings up the mystery vote as she and Sandy make the hike to retrieve treemail. "I don't know who voted for, uh, *Jerry*, but it was definitely not me," Sandy tells Erinn, as she reaches into the basket and pulls out a shattered tile. "I don't think anyone thought it *was*," Erinn replies, putting Sandy's mind at ease. "You know, no one suspects the old woman," Sandy continues in her confessional, "But...I'm not just the 53 year-old woman. I'm a 53 year-old woman who's in this game to *play* and I may not be as strong as these young kids in the *challenges*, you know, but I can lie just as damn good."

Reward Challenge - Swiss Cheese Please

The Novo tribe arrives on their colored mat as host Jeff Probst explains the rules. The tribe will be divided into three teams of three. Two people from each team will race out to collect a large puzzle board that has various holes cut out, then race back. Two other tribe members will then repeat this until all four boards have been collected. After all four boards have been collected, the teams must arrange these boards in specific interlocking slots on the ground. Then, by rotating and flipping the boards, the teams must line up the holes to reveal seven vowels, which are located on various lettered circles hanging directly in front of the boards. Once all seven vowels have been revealed, teams must use those vowels and the consonants provided to form a four-word phrase in order to win a whitewater rafting trip down the Rio Novo. After the rafting trip, the winning team will enjoy a picnic.

The red team consists of J.T., Candace, and Carolina. Spencer, Taj, and Erinn make up the white team while Jerry, Tyson, and Sandy make up the black team. Jeff yells, "Go!" and the teams race off to retrieve their four large puzzle pieces. J.T. once again proves that he is a strong competitor by reaching the piece first and beginning to untie it before anyone else. Tyson and Jerry then arrive at their first piece, followed by Spencer and Erinn. J.T. and Candace head back first, before J.T. and Carolina race out for the red team's second piece. All three teams maintain a consistent pace as they race back-and-forth, arranging the boards in floor slots as they bring them back to the start. Taj struggles to untie the white team's second piece, costing them time and putting them into last place. The red team remains in the lead due to J.T.'s strong performance, while Sandy and Tyson have difficulty matching the black team's third puzzle piece into the correct slot.

The red team is the first to collect all four puzzle pieces. They frantically attempt to line the boards up in the correct order to reveal vowels. Meanwhile, Tyson and Jerry race back with the black team's fourth and final puzzle board. J.T. and Candace race to flip and rotate the boards, while Carolina looks through the holes for the vowels. The red team is the first successful team when Carolina verifies that all of the holes reveal vowels. They begin working on their word puzzle as the white team falls further behind due to Taj and Erinn struggling with the weight of the puzzle piece. Meanwhile, Sandy, Jerry, and Tyson rotate their black puzzle boards to no avail. The red team easily solves the word puzzle, which spells out, "You've won a picnic." J.T., Candace, and Carolina excitedly celebrate their victory to the disappointment of the others. "I've never in my life been whitewater rafting," **Candace** tells the camera. "*Honestly*, I'm not looking forward to that as

much as I am the feast. Like, if the raft gets me to the feast, then yeah, I'll go..." she unexcitedly states.

Loose Lips

Back at Novo, the discussion turns to the vote as Sandy and Taj talk in the shelter and Sandy says that she knows her, J.T., and Spencer are on the chopping block. "Honestly, I think people are gonna start eliminating the people who are in *control*..." Taj coyly suggests. This comment piques Sandy's interest. She asks Taj who is most in control of the game, to which Taj replies Tyson. "That's who I think it is, but I'm only one person." Sandy says that she thinks J.T. wants to vote for Carolina next. "See, I don't *get* that," Taj replies. "It sounds like, from Sandy, that the Jalapao members are planning on voting off Carolina. I'm like "*Carolina?*" I mean, what nobody else seems to realize is that the person in control of this game right now is Tyson. Is everybody so blinded by his, his 'looks' that they're under his spell?!" **Taj** exclaims in disbelief. "You know, if there was a chance to vote Tyson out, I *think* I would do it, but I'm not gonna be the one to bring it up."

Sandy asks Taj if she feels happy with her position in the tribe. "I'm *not* happy following people like Tyson and Carolina," Taj responds, "But I'm not gonna *start* anything; you know what I'm saying? I don't wanna cause trouble because then it's gonna come back to me and it's gonna look like I betrayed him." "*Right*," Sandy replies. "But if *you* can figure something out..." Taj suggests. "And that's just between *us*," she specifies. "I had a real interesting conversation with *Taj*, uh, this morning," **Sandy** tells the camera. "You know, uh, she's givin' me a lot of ammunition that I could actually use *against* her later on if I wanted to, so...I think I'm real good at, you know, prying information." "We also have to see who wins Immunity," Taj states. "J.T., he's a *strong* little bugger." Sandy says that it will probably be either J.T. or Tyson.

Riding the Waves

J.T., Candace, and Carolina paddle across the breathtaking waters of the Rio Novo. They roar down several small waterfalls, savoring every moment of the reward. Narrating the experience, **J.T.** says, "I won the challenge today, so I got to go whitewater rafting on the Rio Novo with Candace and *Carolina*." "It was pretty intense, man. I've never done anything like that, but it was definitely, you know, right up my *alley*; I love anything outdoors, *adventurous*, so...my *adrenaline* was pumpin', no doubt about that." As she soars across the rapids, **Candace** describes her thoughts on the Reward: "The whitewater rafting journey totally exceeded all my expectations, um, what I *expected* it to be. I mean, I'm from Dayton, Ohio; like, I didn't think I could get *into* that, but riding the rapids, you know, it was actually kinda *fun*." "That was *awesome*, man," J.T. enthusiastically says. Candace says she didn't think she would enjoy it.

After the rafting, they pull off onto a bank where a picnic blanket lies with a huge spread of food – watermelon, chips, brownies, and sandwiches await the starving trio. "Oh, hell yeah!" shouts an elated Carolina. "At the end of our rafting trip, there was this beautiful picnic set up on the beach," **Candace** narrates, before describing the various food items. "I'm telling you, I don't even care if I get *fat*," she admits while eating a brownie. As they continue to devour their first servings of food, an awkward silence develops and J.T. and Carolina both avoid looking at

each other. "The Reward was *awkward*," claims **J.T.** "Probably the one person I didn't want to have to share it with was Carolina. Right now, she's my *enemy*. You know, I want to get her out of the game and out of my face," he tells the camera. Carolina continues to make annoying comments about how good the food is, as J.T. ignores her. "I definitely think J.T. is *upset* with me," **Carolina** observes, "But...he can be as upset as he *wants*. You know, Timbira still outnumbers Jalapao; we have six and they have *three*, so he's still going home." But **J.T.** is determined to stay in the game at all costs. "I've gotta keep eating and packin' away as much food as I *can* right now so that I'll have a leg up in the challenge tomorrow," he tells the camera. "That's probably my only chance of pullin' through this is to win Immunity, so...I'm gonna give it everything it takes to *win*."

Scrambling Sandy

After returning to camp in the dark of night, J.T., Carolina, and Candace have now rejoined their Novo tribe. The next morning, as the tribe convenes for breakfast, J.T. says he doesn't want anything else because he's still full from the feast at the Reward. "I mean, I *gorged* myself yesterday," he tells the tribe. The atmosphere is uncomfortable, as Erinn scoops out a serving of rice and beans. "If I eat anything else, I might make myself *sick*," J.T. says. Tyson quips that he should force food down J.T.'s throat so he won't win Immunity. As **Sandy** watches her Novo tribemates, she begins to worry about her place in the game: "I'm definitely gettin' *paranoid* that I'm gonna be one of the next to go," she reveals in her confessional. "You know, J.T. won the Reward so he's eaten, I think, more than *anyone*. You know, and he's already strong in the *challenges* and everything, so if J.T. wins Immunity again today, that moves me one up the *list* and...Spencer's a lot closer with Carolina than I am."

Sandy makes the rounds with the former Timbira members and begs them to let her stay in the game longer. "I want to stay in this game so *bad*," she tells Carolina. "I don't know why you're telling me," Carolina insensitively replies. "*Everyone* does..." Sandy is immediately put off by the response. "Sandy's *scrambling*," **Carolina** tells the camera, "And I can see why because her days are definitely *numbered*, but I mean, I'm gonna be *blunt*. I don't have time to listen to her pleas. Like, if she's in a bad position, that's not my problem." Carolina makes an excuse that she has to go refill her water canteen in order to brush off Sandy. "Carolina feels *very* secure in her position," **Sandy** observes. "And I don't know *why*. She ain't all as in control of everything as she tries to play, and you know, *my* take on it is this: by letting that power get to her head, she's alienatin' people who could be her *allies*." Carolina complains to Erinn that Sandy's scrambling is becoming annoying. "I think she's playing the game *terribly* and I do *not* want, uh, Carolina getting Immunity today," Sandy vents.

Immunity Challenge - Jala-Powed

The Novo tribe arrives on their colored mat. Host Jeff Probst then hands out a questionnaire, which each tribe member must answer privately. The questions are based on their fellow tribemates. Once the castaways have filled out the questionnaire, Jeff Probst tallies the results and explains the challenge. Each individual tribe member must guess what answer came up the most often for each question. Each correct answer earns that tribe member the opportunity to chop at another tribe member's rope, which is attached to a hammer. Each rope has three

sections and once all three sections are chopped, a hammer will be released, which will smash a ceramic statue that represents that tribe member. Once a tribe member's statue has been smashed, they are out of the challenge. The last tribe member left standing wins Immunity.

Jeff Probst begins asking questions: "Who doesn't pull their weight in this tribe?" The general consensus was Carolina. Candace, Erinn, J.T., Sandy, Jerry, and Tyson got it right, while the other tribe members split their answers between Sandy and Candace. The winners each chop a rope and J.T. immediately receives hits from Erinn and Tyson, putting him down to just one rope. "He won the *first* one, so..." Tyson justifies. Given the choice between eliminating J.T. or choosing another tribe member's rope to chop, Candace puts J.T. out of the challenge. Carolina receives hits from both J.T. and Sandy, while Jerry chops Sandy's first rope.

"Who would squander the million dollars the quickest?" asks Jeff. The answer is Tyson, who amusedly remarks that it's "probably true." The answers are divided between Erinn and Tyson. Erinn, Carolina, Candace, Taj, Spencer, Sandy, and Tyson himself got it right. Sandy chops Carolina's final rope, putting her out of the challenge. Tyson's first rope is chopped by Spencer, while Taj and Tyson give Spencer his first two hits. Carolina and Candace both whack Sandy, sending her to join J.T. and Carolina. Finally, Erinn chops Taj's first rope.

"Who would never survive on their own?" Jeff then asks. Erinn was the general consensus. Several tribe members got it right, including Erinn, while other votes were spread across the remaining women. Candace whacks Spencer's last length of rope, taking yet another person out of the challenge. Spencer returns the favor by chopping Candace's first rope, while Erinn returns to Taj and takes out her second rope. "Who does the most for the tribe?" Jeff asks. Everyone got it right: J.T. Candace takes Taj out of the challenge. Taj decides not to retaliate and whacks Tyson instead, putting him down to one rope. Tyson and Jerry both chop each other's ropes, and Erinn makes the final hit in this round: she targets Candace because Candace has also answered every question correctly. "Who is most likely to stab you in the back?" asks Jeff. Carolina is the correct answer, which makes Tyson smile. Once again, everyone answered correctly. Jerry gives Erinn her first hit. Erinn eliminates Candace from the challenge, and Candace takes Erinn down to her last rope. Jerry leads with two ropes left intact.

"Who would you most like to see pose nude?" Jeff asks. Jerry reluctantly answers Tyson and clarifies that it wasn't his answer. Erinn comments that everyone has already seen Tyson naked "more than enough times." She correctly says Candace, and whacks Jerry's second rope. Jeff moves on to the next question: "Who mistakenly believes they are in control of this game?" Jerry once again says Tyson, while Erinn says Carolina. The correct answer was Carolina and, with that, Erinn wins Immunity after correctly answering every single question. "I was pretty disappointed I didn't win Immunity today," **J.T.** laments. "You know, I gave it everything I had, but Candace eliminated me on the first question. I definitely think she made a mistake cause I don't got *any* goodwill towards her, but...my vote's gotta be for Carolina."

A New Plan Is Hatched?

The Novo tribe returns to camp with the vote looming. Reveling in her performance at the challenge, **Erinn** says, "We get back from the challenge and I have the *necklace*; I won individual Immunity, so no matter what crazy stuff happens today, I know I'll be here." The castaways discuss the challenge, as Tyson expresses disappointment that the majority wanted to see Candace pose nude more than him. Carolina says, "Well at least you didn't get that you're most likely to backstab everyone and you don't do anything for the *tribe*." Tyson shrugs and says he doesn't do anything for the tribe anyway. "Carolina took a lot of hits in the challenge," **Erinn** explains in her confessional, "But it tells me, like, I *aligned* with the right person. If I can get to the Final Two with Carolina, I'll *win* because these people don't like her."

Insecure with their position in the game, Spencer, J.T., and Sandy discuss the impending Tribal Council. "What do y'all wanna do about the vote?" J.T. poses. "I think *Carolina*." "I think that we need to get to Jerry and Taj and have them vote Tyson," Spencer proposes. "Taj was talkin' with me and she's thinkin' about voting Tyson," Sandy tells him. "Really...?" Spencer contemplatively asks. "That would be amazing." The three allies decide that they will write Tyson's name down. "Tyson then Carolina," J.T. adds. "The last couple days, there's been something going on between J.T. and Carolina," **Spencer** tells the camera, "So I know right now that J.T. and Carolina are not gonna align together to take out Tyson, so in order for this plan to work, it's gonna have to be Jerry and Taj."

With Sandy and J.T. on board, the three original Jalapao members approach Taj and Jerry with their plan to blindside Tyson. "I mean, I don't know where you guys think you stand," Spencer begins, "But I feel like it would be beneficial for the five of us to form an alliance and vote out Tyson." "You would be a part of changing the game," Spencer tells Jerry and Taj. "I've been waiting for an opportunity to vote off Tyson and I don't know if this is *it*," **Taj** contemplates. "I just feel like it might be too soon because there's definitely a risk of having Candace retaliate and handing control of the game over to the three Jalapaos, but...it *seems* like everything is in place." J.T. urges Taj and Jerry to trust them. "I mean, I'll do it," Taj confirms. "[Tyson]'s too secure in his position; I don't trust him anymore," she says. Jerry also agrees to the Final Five alliance and gives his word that he'll vote for Tyson. "Obviously I have to put my trust in Jerry and *Taj*," **Spencer** states. "You know, Taj I don't really know all that well, um, and Jerry *did* screw me over once on the Joe vote, but he's definitely not the most strategic player at our camp, so...I feel *reasonably* comfortable that they are on board."

With the voting numbers on their side, Sandy can barely contain her excitement and kisses both Spencer and J.T. on the cheek. "Spencer, Sandy, Jerry, Taj, and myself are gonna turn the game around and vote *Tyson*, and then Carolina next," **J.T.** recaps. "So...it oughtta be a good Tribal *Council* tonight," he chuckles. "I *thought* my head was on the chopping block for a while cause of *Carolina*, but...I can't wait to see the look on Tyson's *face* tonight. He's goin' home and he don't even *know* it."

Unaware of the plot against him, Tyson approaches Erinn and Carolina. "We're voting *J.T.*?" he asks Carolina. She nods her head and tells him "Yeah." "I think that makes sense," Tyson says. "I mean, I think J.T. cast that vote for *Jerry*, so...he's a lot sneakier than he lets on." "Of *course*," Erinn agrees. "We need to get rid of him while he doesn't have Immunity, and then we just have to decide between Sandy

and Spencer,” Tyson adds. Meeting with Taj and Jerry immediately after, Tyson informs them that J.T. is the target. “That’s who was on my mind *anyway*,” Taj matter-of-factly states. Confident that original Timbira will stay united, **Tyson** tells the camera, “Tonight, at Tribal Council, uh, J.T.’s gonna go. He’s the biggest physical threat out of J.T., Sandy, and Spencer, so with him out of the picture, hopefully I’ll be able to kick everyone’s ass in the rest of the Immunity Challenges.” Using the same line he previously told Erinn and Carolina, Tyson whispers to Jerry and Taj, “Nobody knows that we have this alliance, so I think we’ll be good.” “I *know* it,” Jerry replies. Tyson claims that the three of them and Candace are well-positioned to get to the Final Four because once the original Jalapaos are voted out, they’ll be able to easily pick off Carolina and Erinn.

With Tyson’s words fresh in her mind, **Taj** begins to rethink her voting decision: “You know what? I’m just *confused*,” she agonizes. “I mean, I’ll talk to Jerry as soon as I get a second, but...I don’t want to be in a hurry to make a move when everything is working to our advantage right now with the alliance we *have*.” Tyson comments that “The four of us are awesome.” Taj then continues to weigh her options in her confessional: “You know, there’s three people from another camp and *J.T.*’s been more of a threat in challenges than Tyson, so maybe we need to just send him home.” Explaining her predicament, she tells Jerry that if they were in the Final Five with Spencer, J.T., and Sandy, the three original Jalapao members would stick together and eliminate them. “I think we should just keep it *J.T.* cause if we *don’t*, at the rate he’s *going*, he could win every single Immunity Challenge,” Taj explains. “I mean, *you* see him?! He’s done, I think, even better than Tyson.” Jerry nods in agreement: “This might be the only chance we have to, uh, get *J.T.*,” Jerry says. “Yeah; if it was a physical one, he [*J.T.*] probably would’ve won *today*,” Taj continues. “And it’s not like he [Tyson] has an *idol*. “I just think it’s too *soon* [to blindside him] and I hate that we just told *Spencer*.”

Meanwhile, Spencer talks with Tyson in front of the shelter and expresses that he still feels vulnerable. “If you want to save yourself, dude, vote *J.T.*,” Tyson casually tells Spencer. “I will *do* that,” Spencer replies, confident that Tyson will be going home instead. “I’m so nervous about tonight,” **Spencer** admits. “I know it’s only one afternoon, but the more people talk, the harder it is to keep stuff secret.” “A lot can *happen* in one afternoon,” he anxiously laughs. “You know, Tyson just told me to vote for, uh, *J.T.*, but the plan is actually for it to be *five* votes Tyson, *four* votes *J.T.*, so...that makes me feel a lot better.” But, as thunder rumbles in the distance, Spencer is in for a shock. With minutes to spare before Tribal Council, Taj pulls him aside and informs him that the blindside is off. Spencer tries desperately to reason with Taj, but her mind is made up. “I’m giving you the benefit of letting you know,” Taj defends. “I didn’t want to tell you I was voting off Tyson and then do something different in Tribal Council.” Trying to make Spencer feel better, she tells him not to let the game get him down. “At the end of the day, it’s just a game,” she says. “*Yeah*, but it sucks right now,” Spencer bluntly responds. Taj tells him that she has to go grab her torch. “[Censored] my life,” Spencer utters out loud, as he rolls his eyes angrily.

Just before Tribal Council, **Spencer** shares his feelings on the latest development: “It’s very frustrating because we had a prime opportunity to gain numbers in this game and take out somebody who’s overall a huge threat, but now it looks like everyone’s voting for *J.T.*,” he explains. “Right now, I actually want to vote for *Taj*, but what is that gonna really do for me, you know?” In the last moments before

leaving camp, J.T. and Spencer talk: "If I go home, you gotta think about the five *girls*," J.T. warns. Spencer asks "If they banded together?" J.T. tells Spencer that he would be a big target: "you and *Tyson*," he says. Spencer says "I know." "I'm definitely relieved it's not *me*," Spencer continues in his confessional, "But uh, it looks like I'm gonna be losing another number tonight, which sucks no matter how you look at it."

Tribal Council #8 - Novo Tribe

At Tribal Council, host Jeff Probst begins the discussion by asking about the Immunity Challenge: "J.T., you were voted the person who does the *most* for the tribe; the one this tribe could not survive without," Jeff states. "Does that give you an added sense of security coming into Tribal Council, knowing how *valuable* you are to the rest of the tribe?" "I'm glad they *think* that, Jeff," **J.T.** humbly replies, "But we'll find out tonight whether I should feel secure or not cause I definitely feel vulnerable." "Based on *what*?" Jeff asks. "Uh, Carolina accused me of votin' *Jerry* at the last Tribal Council," **J.T.** explains, "So I don't know if Timbira *trusts* me right now; they might think I'm a *snake*, but...I swear I voted *Coach* with everybody else. You know, I hope that's not what put me on the *chopping* block cause they're definitely wrong if they still think that." Jeff then asks **Carolina** if it's fair to base her vote on a vote that J.T. may not have cast. "There's other reasons," she cockily responds. Appalled at this comment, J.T. sarcastically replies, "*That* makes me feel a *lot* better..." "So, maybe I'm making an assumption then," Jeff says. "Carolina, does this tribe not value *providers*?" The tension in the air is thick, as **Carolina** answers the question: "Um, I definitely wouldn't say this tribe *doesn't* value providers, but I think, at this point, we'd all be willing to *starve* for the next fifteen days if we had to," she says. "But...there's other people who can bring in food."

"Let's talk about other roles in the tribe," Jeff suggests. "Jerry, who's the person who keeps the tribe laughing?" "Uh, the person who keeps the tribe laughing would definitely be, uh, *Tyson*," **Jerry** says, as Tyson grins. "He's always doin' something crazy, you know, just for entertainment." Moving on, Jeff turns his attention to Taj: "Are you at the point in the game where you start to look at people in terms of the threat they *pose* to you getting yourself to the Final Two, Final Three?" "Um, I definitely think *so*," **Taj** answers. "You know, you have to look at your *alliances*, but...with the game being individual, you also have to look at your competition and eliminate people who are most threatening." Jeff then asks Taj what's more threatening: a physical threat or a mental threat? "Um, they *both* can be threatening," **Taj** responds. "I mean, if you want to look at physical threats, it's definitely between J.T. and *Tyson*. You know, they can win *challenges*. If you want to look at the *mental* threats, it's clearly Candace and Erinn, but...I really believe that everyone here poses *some* kind of threat."

The discussion then shifts to tribe dynamics. "Spencer, if you look at the tribe tonight, you still have six original Timbira members, and you have you, Sandy, and J.T.," Jeff observes. "Do you still cling to the hope that something will *change*?" "Well, I'm definitely not gonna give up," **Spencer** insists. "I know *that*, but uh, it's just *frustrating* right now. It's not even so much that we have an undying loyalty to each other. I feel like if there *is* that type of situation, you know, it's more because of the circumstances of the game and coming into the merge outnumbered. It's not that the three of us are, you know, openly *plotting* against Timbira at all." "But you wouldn't mind if they *fractured*," Jeff states, directing his comment to Spencer.

"No; I mean, there's definitely cracks," **Spencer** clarifies, "But I don't think they're big enough for anyone to really act on it. You know, if these people really *are* playing to win, they're gonna have to start, you know, starting to flip or else certain people are gonna end up getting fifth and six, so...if not tonight, uh, I definitely expect it, uh, in the next few days."

"Erinn, can you understand the frustration of someone who very well could be picked off for no other reason but they don't have numbers?" Jeff asks. "Oh, absolutely," **Erinn** responds. "Like, I like Spencer and Sandy, *and* J.T., but at the same time, I'm not fooling myself into thinking they wouldn't do the same thing if the numbers were *reversed*." Jeff then asks Carolina if she thinks it's true that the Timbira tribe will start to fracture. "Um, I definitely feel like we're *unified*," **Carolina** answers. "Like, we've all seen enough tribes in this game that get to the merge and then turn on each other and I think we're all smart enough to not be one of those tribes." A contemplative Taj exchanges a glance with Jerry. "You know, the next two to go after tonight *are* gonna be Spencer and *Sandy*," Carolina reveals, "And I know that that sounds harsh, but like, that's the *reality*." The implication of Carolina's words cannot be clearer for J.T. "Kinda makes it pretty *clear*, doesn't it, Jeff?" J.T. asks.

"If it *is* you tonight, J.T., *disappointed*?" "*Definitely* disappointed; there's no doubt about it," a somber **J.T.** responds. "I guess I'll take it as a compliment that they think I can *beat* 'em. There's not much else I can do, Jeff." Summing up the discussion, Jeff comments that there doesn't seem to be much mystery surrounding the vote. With this, Erinn decides to keep Immunity and the nine Novo tribe members cast their votes.

Jeff then tallies the votes, and reveals them one at a time to the castaways:

J.T.

CAROLINA.

J.T.

J.T.

J.T.

J.T.

In a unanimous decision, J.T. Thomas, the 24 year-old cattle rancher from Samson, Alabama, becomes the eighth person voted out of **Survivor: Tocantins - The Brazilian Highlands** and the first member of the jury. Even J.T.'s allies, Spencer and Sandy, cast a vote against him in an effort to not set themselves apart from the tribe.

J.T.'s Final Words

Disappointed to leave the game, J.T. maintains a positive outlook and leaves behind his final words: "I'm not at all surprised to be voted out tonight. I've known I was a threat for a long time, and I tried to do everything I could to win today. I am lookin' forward to bein' the first member of the jury though. The only thing I can't believe is after 24 days I still only got ninth place. That's like barely over *half*, but... 24 days is still pretty damn good for a physical threat and to go that far without having to really lie or hurt people. You know, I hope Spencer and *Sandy* can keep alive in the game, but I don't know; I might be seein' em real soon."






Episode 9 - "You Look Like You Have A Dilemma"





Two castaways make a vow to go all the way to the Final Two together. Will they be able to keep this alliance until the end of the game?

Increasingly frustrated with his tribemates and his position in the game, Spencer attempts to pull off yet another power move. Will he succeed in changing the game?

Three days of scrambling and alliance-shifting culminates with one of the most shocking Tribal Councils in Survivor history.

Episode 8 Voting History:

8 Votes Against	Survivors Voting Against J.T.			
				

						
1 Vote Against	Survivor Voting Against Carolina					
